

Lassen, Modoc and Plumas Counties

Burn Permit Requirements

The burn permit allows you to conduct the following types of residential debris burns:

- a) Burning debris in small heaps and piles (not to exceed 4 ft in diameter.)
- b) Burning debris in a burn barrel, if within exempted areas of Lassen County. Authorization from Lassen County is required. For further information, contact Lassen County Air Pollution Control District (530) 252-4247.
- c) Burning debris in a burn barrel within Modoc County is allowed due to the restriction exemptions received from the Air Resource Board.
- d) For questions regarding burn barrel use in Plumas County, contact the Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District for the following areas: Portola 832-4528, Quincy 283-3602, Greenville 284-6520, Chester 258-2588, Vinton/Chilcoot 994-3561.

Debris:

Means the burning of brush, tree trimmings, pine needles, leaves or vegetation.

Prohibited materials include:

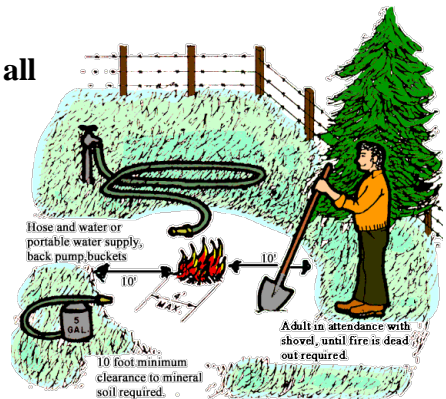
Tires, asphalt shingles, tar paper, cloth, upholstery, plastics, linoleum, diapers, carpeting, demolition debris, construction debris, business trash, etc.

This permit is for the burning of:

Vegetation from within or around a **RESIDENCE**. In addition, a water supply must be available for immediate use by the person conducting the debris burn. The water supply must be of **SUFFICIENT CAPACITY** and **VOLUME** to extinguish the fire **AT ANY TIME**. This usually means the use of a garden hose or backpack pump, **and a shovel**.

The drawing to the right, illustrates burning in a small pile and the minimum fire safe requirements. These minimum requirements apply to all piles you burn.

- 1. Maximum pile size is 4 feet in diameter.
- 2. Area within 10 feet of the outer edge of pile shall be maintained clear of all flammable material and vegetation.
- 3. Adult in attendance with shovel until fire is dead out.
- 4. Water supply at burning site.
- 5. No burning shall be undertaken unless weather conditions (**particularly wind**) are such that burning can be considered safe.



You must have a burn permit in possession while burning!

You shall present the permit to any fire or law enforcement official upon their request.

- e) **Prior to burning** you must call 1-916-445-0747 or the Air Pollution Control District in your county to see if it is a permissive burn day: Lassen County APCD (530) 252-4247, Modoc County APCD (530) 233-6401, Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District (Portola 832-4528, Quincy 283-3602, Greenville 284-6520, Chester 258-2588, Vinton/Chilcoot 994-3561.)

BURNING IS PROHIBITED ON NO BURN DAYS.

Things to Remember

- 1. You can only burn on permissive burn days. Contact the APCD before starting to burn.**
- 2. You cannot burn in a burn barrel unless you have received authorization from the APCD.**
- 3. Do not burn when wind conditions are such that burning is not safe. Should winds increase while burning you should stop burning operations.**
- 4. Burn hours for Lassen County are as follows:**
May 1, 2011 through May 31, 2011 - Open Hours
June 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011 - 5 a.m. to Noon

Burn hours for Modoc County are as follows:

May 1, 2011 through May 31, 2011 – Open Hours
June 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011 – 7 p.m. to 10 a.m.

Burn hours for Plumas County are as follows:

May 1, 2011 through May 31, 2011 – Open Hours
June 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011 – 5 a.m. to 11 a.m.

After June 30, 2011 - Burning Suspension will be in effect until the end of declared Fire Season or until lifted by the Unit Chief.

- 5. You must have possession of a signed permit while you are conducting a burn. This is the law. If you lose your permit you will need to obtain another one before you start burning. If you are asked for your permit by an officer while you are burning and you can not produce one, you may be cited.**
- 6. Possession of a permit does not protect you if your burn escapes. You are still liable for any suppression costs.**
- 7. If a burn escapes your control, you should seek help immediately. Wildfires can spread very quickly. A fast response from the fire department can reduce suppression cost considerably. Remember, you may be billed for suppression costs, so the sooner you seek help the better the outcome may be.**
- 8. Simple common sense can greatly reduce the chance of an escape. If you don't feel it's safe to conduct a burn, then don't.**

If you have any questions, you can contact your local fire agency. They will be happy to answer any questions. Remember, the safety of your property and home, your neighbor's property and home is in your hands.